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SUMMARY: The American Consul General in Quebec City has forwarded to the Embassy information concerning the question of the Labrador-Quebec boundary. This information does not add greatly to that which has already been forwarded to the Chief of Naval Intelligence. It is forwarded as it is believed the views of the American Consul General of Quebec will be of interest to the Chief of Naval Intelligence. This subject is being watched by the Consul General on request of the Naval Attaché.

1. The following is quoted from a letter received by the Embassy from the American Consul General, Quebec City:

"THE LABRADOR BOUNDARY

The view of the Naval Attache's interest in the Labrador Boundary and the resources of the district of UNGAVA, I have been endeavoring to sound out local opinion on these questions. It seems that one of Duplessis' chief grievances against the Federal Government for their failure to consult him on the entry into Newfoundland into the confederation is related to the question of the Labrador boundary. I understand that in the Dominion Government's offer to Newfoundland for entry into the Confederation, there was an undertaking to fix the Labrador Boundary in agreement with Newfoundland by means of a commission. This being the case, it would appear that Duplessis has good reason to feel left out of a matter vitally concerning Quebec Province. It is my understanding that the Labrador Boundary has never been run by surveyors on the ground and according to experts, the line set forth by the Privy Council is subject to considerable controversy until an actual survey is agreed upon. I understand that at one time the whole section of Labrador was offered on sale to Quebec Province for about twenty-five million dollars, but this was before valuable mineral deposits were discovered in this area. It seems to be the opinion of those persons with whom I have talked, that Duplessis does not intend to dispute the judgment of the Privy Council and the right of the height of land. He is, however, definitely concerned with any questions to do with the final determination of the boundaries which he considers should be made with the consent and agreement of the Province of Quebec. This is particularly true in view of the possibility that extensive mineral resources are believed to be located in the area of the boundary."

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2. The Naval Attache invites the attention of the Chief of Naval Intelligence to U.S. Embassy, Ottawa, Canada unclassified report number 424, dated December 22, 1947, the subject of which is "The Outlook of the Labrador Iron Deposits.", which may be obtained in the State Department.